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Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

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LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 per cent. "

12 " 5 per cent. "

Hongkong, February 22, 1878.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

M. R. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a Partner in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style of Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & CO., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

G. R. STEVENS.

Hongkong, December 29, 1877.

NOTICE.

M. R. H. E. MEYERINK has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from This Date.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm, WEST POINT IRON WORKS, ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS, BY WILLIAM DUNPHY & CO.

Late Manager of the Novelty Iron Works, Hongkong.

W. DUNPHY.

Hongkong, December 10, 1877.

NOTICE.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.

LARGE TAKASIMA COAL

Ex GODOWN AT \$8 PER TON.

Apply to

THS. G. GLOVER,

No. 7, Queen's Road Central, and

East Point.

Hongkong, February 18, 1878.

COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM

COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to

BATTLES & CO.

Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

For Sale.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE.

Ex M. M. S. "AVA," AND OTHER RECENT ARRIVALS.

TEYSSENEAU'S STRAWBERRIES in SYRUP.

TEYSSENEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS in NOYEAU.

TEYSSENEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS in BRANDY.

TEYSSENEAU'S ASSORTED PATES, in Patent Tins.

TEYSSENEAU'S ASSORTED JAMS and JELLIES, in Glass Bottles.

PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S ASSORTED PATES.

PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S LONG ASPARAGUS.

PHILIPPE and CANAUD'S SARDINES.

FENARD & FILS' FINEST CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.

CIGARETTES, COMPAGNIE LAFERME.

RICHMOND, SMOKING MIXTURE.

BARCELONA NUTS.

BRAZIL NUTS.

PEA NUTS.

ALMONDS in SHELL.

SMYRNA FIGS.

MUSCATEL BLOOM RAISINS, in Cartons.

EPPO'S COCOA.

BOEREN'S CONDENSED MILK.

GOLDEN GATE FLOUR, in Barrels.

GALETINE and ISINGLAS, in 1 lb. Packets.

WAFFLE IRONS. AMERICAN BROILERS.

VERY FINE "O. K." BOURBON WHISKY.

BILLIARD CUE TIPS.

BILLIARD CUE CEMENT.

BILLIARD CHALK.

BILLIARD TABLE CLOTHS.

BARCLAY and PERKINS' PORTER, in Hopsheads.

HORN'S Best Quality RUSSIAN ROPE.

HORN'S ASSORTED TARRED and WHITE LINES.

FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, February 25, 1878.

Intimations.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Loaves.)

CUT and POWDERED LOAF SUGAR.

CUBE SUGAR (Lylo's Patent), shortly.

CRYSTAL SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) A III\*.

FINE WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) A III\*.

MEDIUM WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) A II\*.

FINE YELLOW SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) A II.

COFFEE SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) B I.

GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and

MOLASSES.

SPRITS of WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.

RUM, 45°, 30°, O. P., and Naval.

ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bone.

BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to THE MANAGER,

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED,

East Point,

Hongkong.

March 5, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE STAG HOTEL,

10, Queen's Road Central,

HONGKONG.

IS now undergoing EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS and REPAIRS, and will be ENTIRELY RE-FURNISHED and OPENED for BUSINESS on 9th March, 1878, under new Management.

First rate Accommodation for Visitors.

Attached to the Hotel is a commodious Billiard Room.

WINES and SPIRITS of the BEST QUALITY ONLY.

PROPRIETOR—J. COOK,

Stag Hotel, Queen's Road,

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to intimate to his Friends that he is about to visit

SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hongkong from April 1st to June 15th.

Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

NOTICE.

STANDARD FIRE OFFICE, LONDON.

THE Under-signed having been appointed

Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against

Fire to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

DISCOUNT 20 %

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & CO.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

Intimations.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

UMBRELLAS, AUTOMATON PATENT.

NOVELTIES in TIES and SCARFS.

COLLARS and SHIRTS, in New Shapes.

CHRISTY'S Newest Shapes in HATS.

TALL BLACK SILK and DRAB HATS.

## Notices to Consignees

OCCIDENTAL &amp; ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo by Steamship "BELGIO," are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godowns at West Point, from whence delivery can be obtained upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 18th instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. B. EMORY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, March 6, 1878. mcl0

## FROM HAMBURG AND PORTS OF CALL.

THE S. S. "HESPERIA," Master having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk by the Undersigned and stored in their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be sent on to Shanghai, unless notice to the contrary is given before 5 p.m. To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 12th instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SIEMSEN &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 6, 1878. mcl0

## FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. "JAPAN," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS &amp; Co., Agents.

Hongkong, March 6, 1878. mcl0

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. "ANADYR."

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo per S. S. "ANADYR," are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 18th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,  
Agent.

Hongkong, March 6, 1878. mcl0

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNERS of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,  
Agent.

FP (in diamond) No. 177/8 Order, from 2 cases Hats, London.

Ex "Amazon."

3250/55 Order, 6 cases Champagne, from Marseilles.

Hongkong, February 28, 1878.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

QUEENSTEER, American barque, Captain Barnaby.—Captain.

TARTAR, German brig, Captain Kaemena.—Meichen & Co.

PALESTINE, British barque, Captain H. Scowcroft.—Tee Lee.

LOUISA, German 3-m schooner, Captain Scherlöh.—Edward Schellhas & Co.

MARQUIS OF ARGYLL, British barque, Captain W. McKeon.—Ricardo & Co.

NORTH STAR, American ship, Captain J. U. Thomson.—Order.

DANUBE, British steamer, Captain A. Glanby.—Yuen Fat Hong.

P. J. CALVERT, American barque, Capt. J. A. Amsburg.—P. & O. Co.

TER LIE, German barque, Captain T. C. Petersen.—Wm. Fustau & Co.

FERNTOWER, British steamer, Captain Mackie.—Chinese.

GLENFALCON, British steamer, Captain Taylor.—Kwong Yuen & Co.

## Charters Effected.

The following charters have been effected during the last few days:—

American ship COMET, 1150, Two Ports in Japan to a port in the United Kingdom, £2,10/- per ton 20 cwt., or on the Continent, £2,12/6.

Italian barque FRANCIA STARACE, 494, Two Ports in the Philippines to a port in the United Kingdom, or on the Continent, or to New York, private.

German barque INDIA, 1000, Two Ports in the Philippines to a port in the United Kingdom, or on the Continent, or to New York, private.

German barque FELIX MENDELSON, 928, Two Ports in the Philippines to a port in the United Kingdom, or on the Continent, or to New York, private.

American ship ANNIE M. SMULL, 1053, to Portland, Oregon, private.

British barque NORTHERN STAR, 827, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong, via Newchwang, 50 cents per picoul, 20 lay days.

German schooner NICOLAUS, 155, Whampoa to Tientsin and back to Hongkong, via Newchwang, \$1,950 in full, 25 lay days.

French barque ST. ANNE, 400, Newchwang to Whampoa, 28 cents per picoul, 20 lay days.

French barque THERESA and NELLY, 386, Whampoa to Amoy 18 cents per picoul, 20 lay days.

German barque FAUGH BALLAGH, 240, to Quinhon and back 21 cents per picoul, 28 lay days.

British barque FALESTINE, 558, Bangkok to Hongkong, inside the Bar 25 cents per picoul, outside the Bar 20 cents per picoul, 50 lay days.

British steamer BENEDIK, Bangkok to Hongkong, inside the Bar 26 cents per picoul, outside the Bar 20 cents per picoul, 50 lay days.

British steamer HOLYROOD, 338, to Singapore and Penang, \$1,750 in full.

German steamer CASSANDRA, 637, Saigon to Hongkong, 16 cents per picoul.

Dutch steamer JAVA, 824, Saigon to Hongkong, 16 cents per picoul.

British steamer ZANZIBAR, 1,460, Saigon to Hongkong, 15 cents per picoul, 18 lay days.

German steamer QUARTA, 731, Saigon to Hongkong, 15 cents per picoul, 5 lay days.

American barque CEYLON, 681, Kobe to Hongkong, \$2,500 in full, 50 lay days.

## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

March 6, CHINKiang, British steamer, 793, Orr, Shanghai March 6, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

March 6, MARCO POLO, German barque, 358, H. Jager, Bangkok Jan. 10, Salt.—WILLER & Co.

March 7, FUJEW, Chinese steamer, from Canton.

March 7, NAMOIS, British steamer, 863, E. F. PUNCHARD, Foochow March 4, Amoy 5, and SWATOW 6, General.—DOUGLAS LA FALLOU & Co.

MARCH 7, NORMA, British steamer, 606, Walker, Swatow March 6, General.—KWOK AKHONG.

March 7, QUARTA, German steamer, 731, P. Haye, Saigon March 2, Rice.—Sor C.

March 7, GLAMIS CASTLE, British steamer, 1888, James Gresg, London Jan. 19, via ports of call, Suez, and Singapore, General.—ADAMSON, BENZ & Co.

March 7, MONARCH, U. S. g. b., for a cruise.

## DEPARTURES.

Mar. 7, St. ANNE, for Newchwang.

7, TIENTSIN, for Bangkok.

7, CHINKiang, for Canton.

7, HIRONIMUS, for Singapore.

7, N. M. MONTELL, for Shanghai.

7, TET, for Whampoa.

7, ALEX, for Marseilles, &c.

7, VOLGA, for Yokohama.

7, ANADYR, for Shanghai.

7, ALEX, for Amoy.

7, ALEXANDRA, for Singapore.

7, MONARCH, U. S. g. b., for a cruise.

## Cleared.

JATO, for Singapore.

MIGNON, for Victoria (V.I.)

ANNIE M. SMULL, for Singapore.

BROWNSHILL, for London.

UPPERA, for Singapore.

MARCO, for Saigon.

PIERRE, for Shanghai.

RAPID, for Bangkok.

MORNING STAR, for Bangkok.

KUANGTUNG, for Coast Ports.

## Passenger.

Per NAMOIS, from Coast Ports, Mr. Bourn, 388 Chinese, and 5 European deck.

Per GLAMIS CASTLE, from London, Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Ewen, Mr. Phastor, and Mr. Cookson for Shanghai, and Mr. Grob for Yokohama, and 148 Chinese.

Per CHINKiang, from Shanghai, 20 Chinese.

Per NORMA, from Swatow, 260 Chinese.

Per QUARTA, from Saigon, 88 Chinese.

Per ANADYR, from Saigon, 88 Chinese.

## PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per AEA, for Saigon, Messrs. Michelot,

Dongal, Simon, Leon, and 2 Chinese; for

Singapore, Mr. Douglas and servant; for

Calcutta, Messrs. Harvey, and F. Flint; for

Marselles, Sir John and Lady Simole, Mme.

Stewart, Mrs. Ewer, Crawford, de Segozao, T. Hanan, V. Fernandez, Cha

Pin Shan, Shu Li Chin, Ts Chang and Cho

Mien, Mrs. Eppinger, and maid servant.

From SHANGHAI: for Marselles, Rev. Mr.

and Mrs. W. J. Boone and infant, Mr. E.

Macintosh, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. R. Palmer,

4 children and servant, Mr. and Mrs. G. M.

Hart, Messrs. Mo Ping Chang and Chang

Yi Shing, Mrs. Chang and infant, Messrs.

E. Buchanan, F. Rennie, Tao Tsin Yu, Yol

Young, Chin Shih Yung, T. H. Mitchell,

and H. G. Sanders.—From Yokohama: for

Marselles, Mr. and Mrs. Caudwell,

Mr. Sawatt, Messrs. Gammie and Tran-

wick, Mr. and Mrs. Lomaire, and Mr. de

Shay, and Mr. Telgo's servant.

Per AMY, for Amoy, Dr. Johansen,

and 50 Chinese.

## To Depart.

Per MARCIA, for Saigon, 70 Chinese.

Per ULYSSES, for Shanghai, 20 Chinese.

Per FUJEW, for Shanghai, 200 Chinese.

Per RAPID, for Bangkok, 20 Chinese.

Per MORNING STAR, for Bangkok, 20 Chi-

Chinese.

Per KWANGTUNG, for Coast Ports, 6 Euro-

peans, and 250 Chinese.

Per AMY, for Amoy, Dr. Johansen, and

50 Chinese.

Per NAMOIS, for Saigon, 20 Chinese.

Per QUARTA, for Saigon, 20 Chinese.

Per ANADYR, for Amoy, Dr. Johansen, and

50 Chinese.

Per NAMOIS, for Saigon, 20 Chinese.

Per QUARTA, for Saigon, 20 Chinese.

Per ANADYR, for Amoy, Dr. Johansen, and

launches, bearing large numbers of Chinese merchants present and former pupils, and others, had been chartered for the occasion and were lying in readiness at Peddar's Wharf; and as the launches steamed off, shortly after 10 o'clock, amid the din of loud-laden crackers, over a thousand natives and many Europeans were assembled on or near the wharf to say "Good-bye" or to see the departure. A running fire of crackers was kept up on board the launches all the way until the French Mail steamer was reached, and the tiny steamers stood by until the big steamer was fairly out of the Harbour. Round after round of crackers were let off while the launches off; and amid the din thus caused the last "chin-chins" were said or signalled to the man whom the community has been delighted to honour for the last few days, or rather for the past sixteen years. An old and respectable Chinese gentleman was heard to say that he had never seen such a demonstration in the Colony before.

Sir John Smale, our worthy Chief Justice, left by the same steamer, and a large number of his friends went off to bid him farewell, including all the officers of the Court, most of the gentlemen of the long robe, Bishop Burdon, and a number of Parsee gentlemen.

Speaking of "great" men, we may add that the Giant Chang also proceeded by the present mail steamer, en route for the Paris Exhibition, for the "show" department. Several Chinese exhibitors also took passage for Paris, to display their wares at the World's Fair to be held at the French Capital.

The following notices, dated the 28th February, to Mariners, have been issued by order of the Inspector General of Customs:—

#### Yangtze River Shanghai District.

REPLACING THE TUNGSHA LIGHT-VESSEL.—With reference to Notice to Mariners, No. 78, of the 14th December, 1877, on the temporary withdrawal of the Tungsha light-vessel.—Notice is hereby given that the Tungsha has again been placed in her station, and the temporary light-vessel withdrawn.

KUTCHAN LIGHT-VESSEL.—The Kutan light-vessel will not be ready for her station till about the 1st April next.

Hines & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 2nd March, 1878:—

Arrivals During the Week.—Feb. 24, China, from Kobe; 26, Emma, from Amoy; 26, Kwangtung, from Hongkong; Mar. 1, Europe, from Shanghai; 1, Oscar Mooyer, from Newport; 2, Amoy.

Departures During the Week.—Feb. 28, Petim, for Yokohama; 25, Supreme, for Shanghai; 26, Moorhen, for Tamsui; 28, B. Ayman, for Shanghai; 26, Haeting, for Kwangtung; 27, Titania, for Shanghai; 27, Kwangtung, for Hongkong.

Shipping in Port.—Ling Feng, China, Emma, Europe, Oscar Mooyer.

The following notice of one of Dave Carson's entertainments is from the *Straits Times*:—Originality and vivacity are still the order of the evening at Dave Carson's entertainments. Last evening the programme was as varied as it usually is, and not a single joke of the preceding evenings was indulged in. The songs were sung with the same taste as before, and the comic ones were as equally amusing, while "Bones" was particularly happy, not only on local subjects, but in an expression of Ethiopian feeling on the European crisis, a decidedly expressed conviction for a fighting policy, finding vent from the illustrious Dave, being received with acclamation. Mr. J. Ballad, always well received, "The sea is England's glory" with much warmth and emphasis, which was hailed with great applause. Little Etta danced a Lancashire clog dance, and Mrs. Carson sang very sweetly an operatic selection. Mr. J. B. Ferrell gave something like "Jones's musical party" very cleverly, his caricatures being accepted portraits of the gushing young lady who when asked to sing, always tries to make excuses, and the old man who "never sang a song in his life," but would try upon persuasion. The "Variety" part concluded with Dave Carson's now famous "Bengaloo Baboo," another portrait of the ingenious dusky hybrid being shown to the glass last evening. Those who know India well recognise in the "Baboo" of Dave an old and familiar friend, those not equally fortunate appreciate an impersonation of what such a character would be likely to be, rendered with a degree of spirit, humour and mimicry, which distinguished the interpretations of character of a first-class low comedy actor. Offenbach's comic operetta "Breaking the Spell," performed by three characters, ably impersonated by Mrs. Norville, Mr. J. B. Ferrell, and Mr. Goo. Norville, concluded an excellent evening's entertainment. Great pains are being taken to make Saturday's performance prominently amusing, and, judging from the programme and the varied abilities already displayed by the troupe, there is no doubt it will be an eminent success.

#### THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A Meeting of the members of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce took place at 4 p.m. this afternoon, (the 7th) at the City Hall. There were present:—The Hon. P. Ryrie, (Chairman) Messrs L. M. Bell, R. Bellios, T. G. Linsted, G. Franck, Arjane, F. Degenar, F. Pustan, Senz, Thos. Jackson, H. D. Samson, H. L. Dalrymple, Deacon, G. Kahn, T. G. Will, Lind, H. N. Mody, W. H. Rice, E. George (Secretary).

The SECRETARY having read the minutes of the meeting, the

for the past year was laid before the members:—

#### REPORT.

The Committee beg to place before the Members of the Chamber, the following Report of their proceedings for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

The Currency.—The Managers of the Local Banks have addressed a Memorial to the Government on the subject of supplying to Hongkong and other Colonies where Dollars are the standard currency coin of British manufacture of well ascertained purity, and the Committee supported the Memorial by a representation to the Government, pointing out the importance of the subject and requesting the immediate attention of Her Majesty's Government thereto. So far no reply has been received from the Government, but the Committee have every reason to believe that the matter is receiving careful attention.

The Chamber has been furnished with a copy of a Memorial presented to the Government from the Chinese Community trading in Hongkong praying the Government to legalize the payment of all Dollars, whether new or old, by weight, and the views of this Chamber were invited by His Excellency. The Governor. Accordingly a general meeting of the Chamber was held in May to discuss the subject, and, after considerable debate, it was resolved to advocate the Government making chopped Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.17 a legal tender in this Colony. Such Dollars to be whole and not clipped or planed. Another resolution was also passed to the effect that until the question of the coining of a British Dollar is fully considered by Her Majesty's Government, it is desirable to constitute the American Trade Dollar weighed at 7.17 a legal tender in the Colony, as is done in the Straits, Foochow, Amoy, and Canton, but that this Dollar should only be received as currency when uncoined.

Proposed Permanent Treaty between Great Britain and Austria-Hungary.—The Chamber has been invited by the Colonial Government to express its opinion on this proposed Treaty, but the Committee did not see that it would affect the interests of this Colony, Hongkong being a free port.

The International Telegraph Convention.—The Government having asked an expression of opinion from the Chamber as to the desirability of joining the Convention, the Committee have pointed out that it would be to the advantage of the Community if the Government would join.

The New Word Tariff of the Great Northern Telegraph Company.—The Committee deemed it their duty to remonstrate with the Superintendent of the Company against the increase in the word rate upon long messages between this and Japan, and their remonstrance has been sent home.

The Stamp Ordinance.—His Excellency the Governor having asked for an expression of opinion upon the general working of this Ordinance with special reference to certain objections made by the Chinese on the occasion of opening a branch in Bonham Strand, the Committee met a deputation of Chinese merchants, and, after considerable discussion, thought proper to recommend the following modification of Section 3 of the Schedule:—

On all sums up to \$100, ..... \$0.10  
exceeding \$100 and not exceeding \$500, ..... 0.20  
exceeding \$500 and not exceeding \$1,000, ..... 0.50  
exceeding \$1,000 and not exceeding \$3,000, ..... 1.00  
exceeding \$3,000, ..... 1.50

Rate of exchange for payment of freight.

The Committee having been called upon to express an opinion on this subject, it was decided that freight should be paid at the rate of exchange of the day of a vessel's arrival.

Payment for a cargo of coal.—They have also unanimously decided that the seller can enforce payment for such cargo, day by day, as delivered, if he chooses to do so.

Commission for doing ship's business.—The following has been added to the Schedule of Commission:—For doing ship's business when no inward or outward Commission is earned, 20 cents per registered ton.

Registration of partners in Chinese firms and houses.—The Committee have represented to His Excellency The Governor the importance of having some system of registering partners in Chinese firms, and are promised his attention to the matter.

Reuter's Telegrams.—Arrangements have been made for a daily service of Political Telegrams, towards the cost of which the Government have subscribed \$600 a quarter, the balance of \$500 being defrayed by the members of the Chamber and others.

Members.—During the past year, the Comptoir d'Escompte have withdrawn from the Chamber, having given up their establishment at Hongkong.

Funds.—The Secretary's Account Current for the year ending 31st December, 1877, has been audited by Messrs Kerr and Hassell, and is annexed hereto. There is no material change to report, except an increase of income, derived from the Political Telegrams, of \$500. A credit balance of \$1,254.18 is carried forward for the current year, and the balance of \$5,899.17 remains on deposit, bearing interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

#### THE REPORT.

The CHAIRMAN, in moving the adoption of the report, said they would observe that the Chamber had had several important matters before it during the past year. The most important one was the currency question. While at home he had the good fortune to meet with Major Kinder who was the Master of the Mint here, and who afterwards proceeded to Japan and carried on the Mint there. He happened to be aware of what was going on in this Colony in regard to the currency question and of the request made to the British Government to coin a British dollar. He had made enquiries on the matter at the Royal Mint, and the opinion he gave him (Mr. Ryrie) was based on what he heard there and in other quarters, connected with the Government, was that they (the Hongkong community) had no chance of getting a British dollar coined in England; the plant and appliances of the Royal Mint were not suitable for it, and they had as much work as they could do there at present. Major Kinder's opinion, gathered from various persons in authority in London with whom he had an interview, was that their only chance of getting a British dollar in this part of the world was by coining it out here. On this subject he had written to him (Mr. Ryrie) a letter, some extracts from which would read:—

Mr. Jackson seconded.

Mr. G. Sharp rose and said that there was one little point he would allude to. It was probable that when this Report was drawn up, the Committee were not

worked, there must be an assayer of repute;

an accountant of standing and responsibility;

a reliable master, coiner, engineer, die engraver, &c.

These must be the best of

their class and paid accordingly.

Minting is

not merely making stamps;

the outturn

must be well-made reliable money, requiring

the highest guarantees for its truthfulness.

Inferior men would only damage the

reputation

of the coinage; therefore with fixed

expenses it is desirable to obtain the greatest

amount of paying outturn.

You cannot

have half an assayer on any other official,

and a jack of all trades in minting would

be useless,

as the work of every person

requires the check of some others.

"The Mint I should recommend would cost

say about £50,000,

and such a Mint erected

at Singapore or Hongkong at the joint cost

of the Colonies would probably be a great

success, for the following reasons.

A dollar

is the standard currency coin of

British

manufacture of well ascertained

purity,

and the Committee supported the

Memorial by a representation to the

Government,

pointing out the importance

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and requesting the immediate

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of Her Majesty's Government thereto.

The Currency.

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## To Let.

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THE GODDOWNS and OFFICES, Praya Central, recently in the occupation of A. Mc. Heaton, Esq.  
Apply to RUSSELL & Co.,  
Hongkong, March 5, 1878. m220

## TO LET.

THE Dwelling House No. 6, Mosque Terrace, possession from 15th April next. Three Offices, in Club Chambers. The Dwelling House No. 19, Hollywood Road.

## Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,  
Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

## TO LET.

S TABLES, to Accommodate Three Horses and a Carriage.  
Apply to THE MEDICAL HALL, Hongkong, February 23, 1878. m223

## TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.  
House No. 2, Peddar's Hill.  
House No. 2, Seymour Terrace.  
DAVID SASOON, SONS & Co.,  
Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

## Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL and

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELGIO" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th Instant, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 12th Instant. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central. G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 6, 1878. m218



## STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton, and London, Also,

Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship LOMBARDY, Captain J. ORMAN, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 14th March at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 28, 1878. m214

## Intimations.

AH YON,  
SHIPS' COMPRADEORE AND STEVEDORE,  
No. 57, Praya West.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMEN'S STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice. Hongkong, May 1, 1878.

AFONG,  
PHOTOGRAPHER,  
by appointment, to  
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,  
Governor of Hongkong;  
and to

H. L. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA,

Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC Circus, HAS on hand the Largest and Best Collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Ex. S. T. Ture, Revolving Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms and Postage Stamp Albums, Eusia Leather, Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and Frames, nice Albums for Cabinet Portraits only, Portraits of the Generals of the present Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes, Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

## Intimations.

W. BALL,  
CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,  
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf,  
Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

## NOTICE.

A. MILLAR & Co.,  
PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS,  
Queen's Road East,  
HONGKONG.

Agencies in:  
HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and the Principal Ports in the East.

September 15, 1877.

ESTATE OF DODD & Co.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th Instant at Messrs DODD & Co.'s OFFICES, the following RESOLUTIONS were carried:

1. That the affairs of the said DODD & Co. shall be Liquidated by arrangement, and not in Bankruptcy.

2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he is hereby appointed Trustee.

3. That H. ABENDROTH and EDMUND PR be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Inspection.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877.

## INSURANCES.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up, £10,000,000  
PERMANENT RESERVE, £20,000,000  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND, £75,000  
Total Capital and accumulations this date, £10,725,000

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NOTICE.

MESSRS. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai,  
London Bankers:

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## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.</p